

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's cooperation during the telephone conversation of December 5, 2006 is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 16-20 have been rejected under 35 USC §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 9-15 and 18-20 have been rejected as anticipated by Arskere et al., US 6,424,653. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 16, and 18 have been amended to overcome the subject matter rejections. Claims 9 and 18 have been amended to include the patentable subject matter of claims 1 and 16.

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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